

SABINE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
May 28, 2009

Our Catholic Charities Food for Seniors distribution, held on April 24th, was absolutely the best example of community spirit I have encountered in a long time. The Detention Center inmates, who usually help us with this process, were “detained” at the last minute. My staff immediately began calling local businessmen and community officials to recruit emergency help. I wish to give special thanks to these men who were able to come to our aid: Dylan LaBorde, Hunter Ford, Marshal Ingle, Lewis McBryde, Jerry Lombard, Johnny Corley, Bruce Garner, John Godfrey, Kenneth Colston, and Reginald Holden. Thanks also to Gary Rigsby and J. C. Ashford for their extra efforts on this day. With much hustle and a lot of cooperation, the day was saved and many seniors were able to get their 80 pounds of food on time. Now is also a good time to let the trustees know that we really appreciate all they do for us. Thank you everyone!

We had a beautiful day for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our Walking Path on May 5th. It gave us a perfect opportunity to share our efforts with the community and give tours of our facility, of which we are very proud. Many community leaders came to help us celebrate this day and we are grateful for their participation and encouragement.

We held our third Community Dance at the Toledo Center facility on Friday, May 15th. The Gary Cathey Band from Alexandria did a wonderful job of providing the music and everyone had a great time. Next month the dance will be held on June 19th and will feature free line dancing lessons beginning at 6:30 pm. The dance officially begins at 7 pm and we expect a big crowd for this event.

One of our quilters, Mrs. Dorothy Alford, entered a quilt in the Regional Senior Olympics competition held in Alexandria last week. She won a first place ribbon for her beautiful appliqued Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt. We look for more of our quilters to enter this competition next year.

On Wednesday, June 10th, we will be hosting a Free Kidney Screening at the Legacy Building, offered by the National Kidney Foundation. Anyone interested in this free screening should call the toll free number (800-462-3694) to see if they qualify and to set up an appointment.

Another busy month at the Council has passed. In April we served 1,382 Congregate meals at our meal sites and delivered 4,254 meals to Home Bound seniors. We provided 198 units of homemaker service for our seniors, 158 hours of Caregiver services, and 87 contacts have been made for Outreach, Information & Assistance. We provided 621 units of transportation, 379 units of wellness, and 1,702 units of recreation.

Be sure to check our June calendars for current events and special activities. A complete calendar, listing all the regularly scheduled activities is available by calling our office 256-4140 or checking out our website (www.sabinecoa.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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